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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Edmund SCHOLL

Serial No.: 09/857,554

Group Art Unit: 1615

Date Filed: July 23, 2001

Examiner: Sharon Howard

For: **ACTIVE INGREDIENT MATRIX IN THE FORM OF A BIOLOGICALLY RESORBABLE POROUS NON-WOVEN, METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION AND USE THEREOF**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Official Action dated October 2, 2002. The three month shortened statutory period set for response was set to expire on January 2, 2003. Accordingly, Applicant has filed a Petition for an Extension of Time with this Response and Amendment. As the last day for filing a Response with a one month extension of time fell on February 2, 2003, a Sunday, the deadline is extended to the next succeeding business day, Monday, February 3, 2003. Accordingly, this Response and Amendment is timely filed with a Petition for a one month Extension of Time to reply.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as indicated in Appendix C